

***THE SHOCKING TRUTH
ABOUT "SEARCHLIGHT"
BRITAIN'S LEADING
ANTI- RACIST MAGAZINE:***

Three "former Nazis" but no Blacks on its staff

Black leaders called "worms" and "wankers"

Black journalist hounded

Free speech denied

Son of publisher oppresses Palestinian people

by B. Grant

Searchlight - The Shocking Truth

The magazine *Searchlight* has been published regularly since 1975. It claims to fight fascism and *racism*, and has certainly fought fascists and *racists*, regularly boasting that fascists' meetings have been broken up and that fascists and *racists* have been hounded from their jobs. The fact that most of these "fascists" are ordinary if misguided white working people doesn't count. Persecuting Nazis is one thing, and although we don't think it's right, we won't lose any sleep over it. But *Searchlight* goes much further than that: it tries to tell Black people what to do, what to think, who we can talk to, who we can and can't share a platform with. In other words, to keep us in our place, while the white, middle class "*anti-racists*" run the show.

Now here are a few more disturbing facts about *Searchlight's* publisher and editor Gerry Gable, and his crew. First off, Gerry is Jewish, which means he should know what persecution means. Like a lot of Jews though, persecution only counts for him when it's Gentiles doing the persecuting. Gerry is an ardent Zionist, and in an interview with the fanatically Zionist *Jewish Chronicle* (23rd October 1987), he revealed that one of his sons was serving in the Israeli army. We'd like to ask Mr Gable, did his soldier son take part in the suppression of the *intifada*? And is he still doing so now? Was it him perhaps who murdered 13 year old Ra'edah al-Qarra on 8th April 1993, or 8 year old Maher al-Maja'idah, on 20th March 1993? Or did he shoot 11 year old Rana Abu Tuyur on 19th December 1992? She was a real enemy of the State of Israel, even though she wasn't throwing stones at the brave Israeli soldiers but was on her way to buy milk. Or was his son one of the many Israeli soldiers who refused to take part in this latter day anti-Arab pogrom? If he was, we'd like to know.

Now back to more parochial matters. It's strange that for an "*anti-racist*" magazine that's been around since 1975 and in some forms earlier, and that was based first in Birmingham, and now in London, both areas with large ethnic minority communities, that *Searchlight* has never, to the best of our knowledge, ever had one Black person on its staff. Come to think of it, has any Black person ever written for this magazine? We seem only to get mentioned in the most patronising of tones.

Another point we'd like to raise is *Searchlight's* working with, some would say collaborating with, the police. Haven't Gable and co ever heard of Winston Silcott, who even as I write these words is sitting in a cell doing life for a murder that was clearly self-defence, after having been fitted up for another murder on an invented confession? And haven't Gable and co ever heard of Cynthia Jarrett? And have they forgotten already Joy Gardner? In the light of all that, it really is a bit insensitive of them to lavish praise on Met Commissioner Paul Condon.

We're not the slightest bit bothered about "hate propaganda". Who cares if Nazis want to deny the *Holocaust* or sit around reading paranoid conspiracy theories about the Jews taking over the world? Only the demented and the deluded believe the *Protocols of Zion*, and if they want to read garbage, why shouldn't they? But our people are being murdered out there, man. And half the time it's the police who are doing it.

If Gable and co are shy about employing Black people in what is presumably an equal opportunity office, they're certainly not shy about employing some amazing characters. Over the years they've worked closely with no less than FIVE members or former members of anti-Black groups.

In the early seventies there was a character called Dave Roberts who supposedly exposed a massive underground neo-Nazi conspiracy. This resulted in one conviction - Roberts himself was convicted of conspiring with two former National Front members to assault the staff of an Indian restaurant! Roberts had claimed to be an infiltrator into Column 88; his subsequent conviction indicates that if he was no fascist he was no anti-fascist either, but a political opportunist of the very worst kind, and a Walter Mitty character into the bargain. The *Searchlight* team later tried to make out that Roberts had never been part of their outfit. That's bullshit, man. Ask Daphne Liddle.

Another "former" fascist was John Kingsley Read, he of one down, one million to go, fame. We can't help wondering if Gable would have taken such a laid back attitude to Read if instead he'd said: "One down, six million to go." Read appeared in Gable's fantasy video *The Other Face of Terror*, in which it was claimed that a third "reformed" Nazi, Ray Hill, had fingered a plot to bomb the Notting Hill Carnival in 1981 and thereby saved hundreds of Black lives. This is the same Ray Hill who, as a member of the South African National Front, went around informing the police about non-whites living in white only areas, thereby having ordinary working people thrown out of their homes. Or didn't he tell you that, Gerry? Sure he did. Did he also tell you about the campaign they had against "Zionist" landlords? We all know what that codeword means, don't we?

So, Ray Hill saved our skins? Sure he did. Which brings us to the fourth "reformed" Nazi, Tim Hepple. Like Hill, Hepple was not a misguided working class youth who was attracted by the BNP. He was in and out of a number of groups, left and right, including the Church of the Creator. The Church of the Creator is a group run by a fanatical - and ironically Jewish - anti-Semite, the recently deceased Ben Klassen. Not only does this outfit preach hatred of the Jews, it calls Blacks "mud people". Some of its "literature" would undoubtedly be prosecuted under South Africa's apartheid laws. Anyone who joins the Church of the Creator, anyone who even thinks of joining it, must have a screw loose.

Not content with that, next Hepple joined an anarchist group and began preaching mindless violence against the BNP, an organisation he'd once worked for, and, on his own admission, stolen from. In the Autumn 1992 issue of *Green Anarchist* writing under the pseudonym *Eagle Scout*, Hepple openly incited his presumably anarchist readers to murder the leaders of the British National Party. Much as we deplore the BNP, much as all Black people do, who would gain by shooting one of these losers or blowing up their hatequarters? We, the Blacks, would be the real losers, we'd end up like Gable's co-racialists in Occupied Palestine, the persecuted becoming the persecutors in turn. Anarchists too might like to ask themselves what would be the repercussions for their movement if some pea-brained anarchist had actually taken a shotgun and blown away Führer Tyndall. Personally I'm amazed that this article was published by *Green Anarchist*, at least in this undiluted form. We can only hope that in future the editorial staff will be more responsible, and that all anarchists and genuine anti-fascists will be on the look out for obvious agents provocateurs like Tim Hepple.

Finally, let's look at Mrs Sonia Gable. She's Jewish too, but that didn't stop her joining the National Front, the National Party and the League of St. George. Nor did it stop British "Nazi" Steve Brady slipping her a length, or so we've heard. Mrs Gable, who at the time was Sonia Hochfelder, made no secret of her Jewishness when she was running with these so-called Nazi terrorists. Sonia is Gable's second wife, both his wives have been Jewish. One would have thought with all his talk about brotherly love and abolishing hate that Gerry might have at least had a Black girlfriend, or maybe our kind of *shiksas* aren't good enough for him. Maybe *shiksas* aren't good enough for him at all. Maybe it's only white Gentile dudes who should have Black girlfriends. Right, Gerry?

Louis Farrakhan is greatly admired by many Black people. He is a man of strong views, and sometimes he puts his foot in his mouth. Don't we all? On one occasion, which he now surely deeply regrets, he referred to Judaism as a gutter religion. This was probably out of ignorance; like most Black people he erroneously associates Judaism with the murderous racist ideology of Zionism. Anyone can make a mistake though, so was it necessary for *Searchlight* to publish an article in its August 1988 issue called *FARRAKHAN OF WORMS*? Gable crowed that Farrakhan had been banned from this country. That's democracy for you. Whatever happened to free speech?

And it certainly wasn't necessary for *Searchlight* in June 1992, to refer to Black Separatists as a Gucci-outfitted bunch of middle-class wankers. Black Separatism is anathema to Gable, who likes to see Black guys making out with white chicks. But not Jewish chicks, apparently. Why shouldn't Blacks preach separatism? What's mutual separation got to do with apartheid? And why has Gable attacked Black journalist Marc Wadsworth for "sharing a platform" with Patrick Harrington of the Third Way?

In the first place, Harrington is no fascist. In the second, why shouldn't any Black man associate with anyone he wants and who wants to associate with him? Why shouldn't he share a platform with Harrington? Harrington hasn't ever murdered anyone, unlike Yitzhak Shamir, former Prime Minister of Israel and the most notorious war criminal and murderer of the Nazi era still at large. But Zionist atrocities don't count for Gerry. What sort of mentality is it that condemns a man for engaging in intelligent debate with someone who holds different opinions, with the hope that they can arrive at an understanding, yet turns a blind eye to mass murder and the suffering of a nation? In all the years it's been spreading its lies and poison, *Searchlight* has never once mentioned the suffering of the Palestinian people or condemned the cancer of political Zionism. That speaks more eloquently for Gerry and co's true loyalties than all the harping on about a bunch of losers like the BNP.

Our message is simple: Black people should boycott *Searchlight* until it introduces an anti-racist policy and employs at least one Black person and one Asian person. *Searchlight* should stop telling Black people what to do, it should stop insulting them, stop patronising them, and should openly condemn human rights abuses in Israel. Finally, it should sack so-called "Nazi-mole" Ray Hill. We didn't need him to save us from the non-existent Notting Hill Carnival bomb plot, and we don't need his racist cant now.

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